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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN PRESIDENTS
FORD AND MARCOS

REF: MANILA 2664

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1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER US RELATIONS WITH ASEAN
TO BE SUITABLE SUBJECT FOR PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE
WITH MARCOS. CONSIDERATIONS INCLUDE OUR DESIRE TO AVOID
APPEARANCE OF PRESSING US RELATIONSHIP ON ASEAN AT THIS
EARLY STAGE OF LATTER'S DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS OUR
AWARENESS OF DIFFERING VIEWS WITHIN ASEAN ON ITS GENERAL
POSTURE AS WELL AS SPECIFIC ISSUES. IN THIS CONNECTION,
PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO MARCOS ON THIS SUBJECT COULD
CAUSE CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT AMONG OTHER ASEAN MEMBERS
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SHOULD IT BECOME KNOWN TO THEM.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ON ALTERNATIVE
SUBJECTS AND TIMING FOR POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL LETTER,
BEARING IN MIND SECRETARY'S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH
ROMULO ON APRIL 19 INITIATING BASE NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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